



FIVE YEAR PERIODIC REVIEW GENERAL ELECTRIC SPOKANE SITE

The Washington Department of Ecology invites the public to review and comment on the draft "Periodic Review" for the General Electric Spokane Site located at 4323 East Mission, Spokane, Spokane County, Washington. Periodic review of the cleanup action is conducted no less than every five years. The purpose of the review is to evaluate post-cleanup site conditions and monitoring data to assure human health and the environment are being protected. This review covers the 2nd quarter 1997 monitoring event up to and including the 2nd quarter 2002 groundwater monitoring event.

The site was used by GE to operate a transformer service shop from 1961 to 1980. Oils containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) were released to soils during service operations. Investigations in the mid to late 1980s confirmed PCBs and TPH in soils. PCBs were also found in groundwater. Cleanup actions began in 1991. Remedies accepted as complete in 1999 included vitrification, removal, containment, and monitoring.

According to the review, the remedy is functioning as intended under the cleanup action plan. Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled, and studies to date indicate PCBs from this site have not entered the Spokane River. The review recommends congener analysis in the groundwater monitoring program and institutional controls in the form of deed restrictions, where groundwater is impacted. .

You may review the document at the Department of Ecology, 4601 North Monroe, Spokane, WA 99205. Written comments or questions may be sent to Mr. Guy Gregory, Site Manager, at the Ecology address above, e-mail ggre461@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 329-3562.

Public comments will be accepted February 14, 2003 through March 17, 2003.